

## NWLO PREPAREDNESS LEVELS

### 2004 Mobilization Chart

Based on ERC at Weather Stations, Fuel Model G  
(Average Plains, Fisher, Condon, Stillwater, & Boorman)

| Preparedness Level          | 1                                    | 2   | 3  | 4  | 5  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| ERC breakpoints             | 0-12                                 | 13-25                                       | 26-47  | 48-58  | 59+  |
| Fire Danger                 | Low                                  | Moderate                                    | High   | Very High  | Extreme  |
| Staffing:                   |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| Dispatch Coverage           | 5 day                                | 5 day                                       | 7 day  | 7 day  | 7 day  |
| Dispatch Hours              | 0800-1700                            | 0800-1700                                   | 0730-1800  | 0730-1800<br>Extend hours as needed.             |  |
| Helicopter Coverage         | 0800-1700                            | 0800-1700                                   | 0900-1800  | 0900-1800  |  |
| Engine                      | 0800-1700                            | 0800-1700                                   | 0930-1800  | 0930-1800 Consider extended hours *              |  |
| Detection:                  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| Lookouts                    |                                      |   | Post Lightning   | 7 day*   | 7 day*   |
| Aerial Detection            | Unit Request                         | Unit Request                                | Unit Request   | Scheduled and consider more than 1 A/C per day.* | Scheduled and consider more than 1 A/C per day.* |
|                             |                                      |   | When primary patrol craft is committed to specific incident consider additional aircraft |  |  |
| Equipment:                  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| Dozers                      |                                      | Rental Agreements Completed W/rotation list | Track Location   | Track Location, position as needed*              | Pre Position As Needed*                          |
| Excavators                  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| Water Tenders               |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| Lowboys                     |                                      |   |  |  |  |
|                             |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| Prevention:                 |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| Restrictions                | Follow NRCG Zone Restrictions Guides |   |  |  |  |
| Burn Permits                | Yes                                  | Yes   | Inspect & Limit  | No   | No   |
| Additional Prevention Staff | No                                   | No  | Discuss w/zone cooperators*  | Consider additional staff*                       | Consider Prevention Team*                        |
| Industry Inspections        | Start May 1                          | All   | All  | All  | All  |
| Railroad                    | Preseason meeting/ROW inspections    |   | Track work activity (Grinding, welding, etc)   | Coordinate restriction requirements as needed.   |  |

## Appendix C - Example of Severity/Mob Chart

| Preparedness Level  | 1   | 2                                  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| ERC breakpoints   | 0-12  | 13-25                              | 26-47  | 48-58  | 59+  |
| Fire Danger   | Low   | Moderate                           | High   | Very High  | Extreme  |
| Staffing Levels/Unit:   |   |                                    |  |  |  |
| IA Engine Availability  |   |                                    |  |  |  |
| LIB   | One engine available per Unit<br>Minimum 5 days a week* |                                    | 2 engines available<br>7 days a week                                       | 3 engines available 7 days<br>a week*  | Additional engines as<br>needed*                               |
| STW   |   |                                    | 1 engine available<br>7 days a week  | 2 engine available<br>7 days a week*   |  |
| SWN   |   |                                    | 1 engine available<br>7 days a week  | 2 engine available<br>7 days a week*   |  |
| KAL   |   |                                    | 5 engines available<br>7 days a week                                       | 7 engines available 7 days<br>a week*  |  |
| PLN   |   |                                    | 2 engines available<br>7 days a week                                       | 3 engines available 7 days<br>a week*  |  |
| Overhead Personnel (Minimum number to handle perceived fire program workload) |   |                                    |  |  |  |
| Fire Program Supervisor   | Supervise Resources normal hours                        |                                    | Supervise Resources 7 days a<br>week*                                      | Supervise Resources 7<br>days/wk. May need<br>extended hrs.*                                       | Supervise Resources 7<br>days/wk. & may need<br>extended hrs.* |
| Duty Officer  | In place for Fire Season<br>(5-1 to 9-30)               |                                    | 24 hr./7 days Cell Phone or<br>Pager access                                | See Line Officer   | See Line Officer   |
| Line Officer or<br>Line Officer Representative                                | Normal Work Hours                                       |                                    | Normal Work Hrs during week<br>8hrs. response on Weekend                   | 2 Hr. Response & Cover<br>Duty Officer Role*   | 7 days a week<br>& Cover Duty Officer*                         |
| Safety, Planning, Finance,<br>Information, Logistics                          | Handled by Unit Staff                                   |                                    | Consider SOFR3, PSC3, FSC3,<br>LSC3 & IOF3 during active fire<br>periods.  | Order/Fill SOFR3, PSC3, FSC3, LSC3 & IOF3 as<br>well as IBA, FEMA, & Admin. Support as<br>needed.* |  |
| Type III Teams  | Assure local Type 3 Plan in place                       |                                    |  | Confirm Avail. of Team in<br>Zone  | 1 Team<br>Pre-positioned*                                      |
| Air Operations:   |   |                                    |  |  |  |
| Helicopter Availability<br>(95 Mike)  | 30 minute from<br>call to take-off                      | 15 minute from call<br>to take-off | 10 minute from call to take-off  | 5 minute from call to take-off<br>Consider additional helicopter*                                  |  |
| Off-Area Helicopter Dispatch<br>(NWLO Duty Officer can<br>place on hold)      | Available   |                                    | Day-to-day when one other ship<br>is available in NW Zone (notify<br>FIDC) | Not available except by DOF request.   |  |
| ATGS w/platform   |   |                                    | Use on incidents with multiple<br>aircraft                                 | Recommended*   | 1 on duty in NW<br>Montana Zone.*                              |
| SEAT's w/ Base  |   |                                    | Consider*  |  |  |
| Helirappel  |   |                                    | Consider*  |  |  |
| Other Resource Needs:   |   |                                    |  |  |  |
| EFF Training  |   |                                    | Discuss w/Zone cooperators   | Contract training at the zone level*   |  |
| Severity Requests   |   |                                    | Contact Units for input  | Submit requests*   | Continue requests and<br>monitor*                              |
| A.M. Land Office conference calls.  | No  | No                                 | 1 per week w/<br>more as needed  | Yes<br>(every other day)   | Yes (daily)  |

\* Will likely require Severity Funding to be approved by Fire & Aviation Bureau

## **Preparedness Level (PL) Descriptions Guide**

**ERC for G fuel Model (Plains, Fisher, Stillwater, Condon, & Average of Boorman & Hubbard Wx Stations) will be the primary tool used to establish Preparedness Levels.**

**PL-1      ERC 0-12      (NFDRS Staffing Level 1 and 2)**

**PL-2      ERC 13-25      (NFDRS Staffing Level 3-)**

**PL-3      ERC 26-50      (NFDRS Staffing Level 3+)**

**PL-4      ERC 51-58      (NFDRS Staffing Level 4)**

**PL-5      ERC 59+      (NFDRS Staffing Level 5)**

**The following management criteria will be considered to increase the Area Preparedness Level:**

- ☐ Fire activity on the Area requires the sharing of resources between units.
- ☐ Cooperators are requiring Area assistance on a regular basis.
- ☐ Multiple starts are occurring on a regular basis.
- ☐ One or more Type 1, 2, or 3 incidents on the Area.
- ☐ Two or more Type 1 or 2 incidents within the Northwest Montana Zone.
- ☐ Fire Restrictions are in place.
- ☐ Statewide conditions require Area provide assistance to other Land Offices.